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OPERON SEQUENCE ANALYSIS

SUBMISSION OF NEW DRAWING

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

The Office Action dated January 24, 2003 required new Formal Drawings which included the flow diagram on page 18 of the specification. The flow diagram is now presented as Figure 3. The drawings are submitted to expedite prosecution. There is nothing in the statutes or rules which requires this flow diagram be presented as a Figure and separating this flow diagram from the text has not simplified the disclosure of the invention.

The text of the application will be amended with a complete Response to the Office Action identified above.

No fee is believed to be due in association with this filing, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required to facilitate this filing, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account #13-3402.

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